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710 Mill Bay Road, Room 211, Kodiak, Alaska 99615

June 18, 2001

Mr. Joe Perkins, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
3132 Channel Drive
Juneau, Alaska 99801-7898

Re: AMHS Ferry Dock for Kodiak

Dear Commissioner Perkins:

The City of Kodiak appreciates the time you took to meet with representatives of the City this past February. The City Council and the citizens of Kodiak sincerely appreciate the support that your department provides to our community.

We understand that plans are moving forward to provide high-speed ferry service in Prince William Sound. Once the high-speed ferry goes into service, the M/V Tustemena will need a new home port. The City of Kodiak wants to reiterate its commitment to serving as the home port for the "Tusty." We are willing to provide matching funds and land to make construction of a new dock and staging area a reality.

There is little doubt that a new dock will be necessary to support the Tustemena when she is home ported in Kodiak. The current City-owned ferry dock is not long enough, and the staging area is woefully inadequate. Unfortunately, the City cannot expand the current dock or the staging area, as there is no adjacent land available.

The need for a dock in Kodiak is well documented and the project was included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for many years. We were surprised to learn, last fall, that the project had been deleted from the STIP. We understand that community debate over the selection of a new site may have contributed to the elimination of the project from the STIP. However, the City of Kodiak is prepared to support final site selection once engineering, environmental, and operational factors are evaluated. We have recently identified three potential sites on City-owned property that should be evaluated for project development. See the enclosed sketch.

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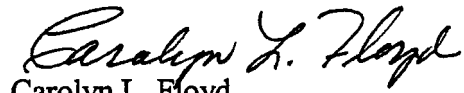
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Ferry service between Kodiak and the mainland is a critical transportation link for our community, and the City is committed to supporting the development of a new ferry dock and terminal. To this end, the City is willing to provide the necessary land and share substantially in development costs, up to \$1 million. There are many project details that need to be discussed, but we hope that our commitment will ensure that the Kodiak ferry dock is reinstated in the State Transportation Improvement Program and that alternative site evaluation commences in FY'02.

Respectfully,

CITY OF KODIAK



Carolyn L. Floyd

Mayor

Enclosure

cc: George Capacci, GM, Alaska Marine Highway System, 3132 Channel Drive, Juneau, AK 99801
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Kodiak Island Borough Mayor and Assembly

Kodiak Ferry Dock Alternatives

1. Near Island
2. St. Paul Harbor Spit
3. Uski Island

